

REPORT

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103rd Medical Battalion, APO 28

1 November 1944

Location - Vic Rairen, Belgium
(859323, Sh S-1, Bonn)

Maps:

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1. OWN SITUATION:

a. Location of troops, command post and boundaries.

(1) At the close of the period, the three collecting companies of the battalion were in operation, each supporting its respective combat team. Their locations, as shown on the attached overlay, were at the following points:

Company A - Vic Zweifall, Germany (957363, Sh S-1)

Company B - 2 Mi E of Rotgen, Germany (952302, Sh S-1)

Company C - Vic Zweifall, Germany (954363, Sh S-1) In proximity to Co A due to the tactical situation at the time.

The Battalion CP, Clearing Company, Division Medical Supply dump, and 2nd Echelon Motor Maintenance section, were located in the vicinity of Raeren, Belgium. (859321, Sh S-1)

b. Location of adjacent medical units and supporting elements.

(1) At the close of the period the following medical units were adjacent:

Right flank - Medical Detachment, 4th Cavalary Group.

Left flank - Co B, 9th Medical Battalion, 9th Inf Division.

(2) Auxiliary litter bearer teams of the 382nd Collecting Company, 53rd Medical Battalion were attached to the collecting companies of the battalion in anticipation of evacuation over exceptionally difficult terrain.

(3) Supporting the evacuation of the Division Clearing Station were the following units:

(a) Ambulances of the 452nd Collecting Company, 179th Medical Battalion, 134th Medical Group.

(b) Casualties were being evacuated to the 2nd Evacuation Hospital and 45th Field Hospital and 622nd Clearing Company at the close of the period. During the month the following medical units also serviced this battalion: The 44th, 45th, 67th and 107th Evacuation Hospitals.

c. Operations during the period covered by this report.

The medical battalion continued to carry out its normal function of supporting the 28th Infantry Division by evacuating, treating and disposing of the casualties suffered by the Division.

Operations during the period differed from those of the preceding months in that the units of this battalion changed position a relatively few number of times. The clearing station changed position twice during the month and in both instances it was established in available buildings supplemented by T/E squad tents. Once during the month, a prov-

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isitional platoon of B Company was detached, with a battalion of its CT on a special mission, and established a collecting station on the outskirts of Aachen, Germany. Evacuation was made to the 1st Medical Battalion, the nearest Clearing Station.

In a relatively stable period, a limited training program was instituted in the battalion for the purpose of correcting deficiencies noted and maintaining a high state of physical efficiency. Station platoon officers of the clearing company visited the collecting companies and presented informal lectures on various medical subjects pertinent to the medical and surgical technicians. MAC officers likewise held refresher discussions on tactical subjects.

d. Estimate of Combat Efficiency of Command.

With the continued use of available buildings for patients, the medical personnel of this command were able to care for these casualties in a most efficient manner as evidenced by a well-ordered routine being established and maintained during the month. By instituting a training program to correct deficiencies noted, a marked improvement was noted in the care and handling of the casualties. At times when the clearing station and other units were subjected to enemy artillery shell-fire, the manner in which the personnel conducted themselves in insuring the safety of their patients before their own, reflected the high degree of military discipline and training of the unit. During the month the efficiency of 10 members of the battalion was recognized by the award of the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement or meritorious conduct.

e. Results of operations.

During the period the following numbers of patients were treated by the companies indicated:

Company A - 480 patients
Company B - 519 patients
Company C - 221 patients
Company D - 1377 patients (including 20 enemy and 4 civilians)

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 103 MED BN.
 Situation as of 302400A Oct 44
 Map: Gen Europe, Bonn S-1
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